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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST: HEADLINES REPORT OF WATERGATE INDICTMENTS. CARL BERNSTEIN AND BOB WOODWARD WRITE ON THE SECRET REPORT SUBMITTED TO SIRICA AND ITS 50 000 PARAGRAPHS OUTLINING EVIDENCE INVOLVING THE PRESIDENT. (A-1)

THE CRIMINAL TRIAL OF MITCHELL AND STANS WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL MONDAY A.M. TO PERMIT THE JUDGE TO CONSIDER A MISTRIAL MOTION BY THE DEFENSE. THE MOTION STEMS FROM OPENING REMARKS BY THE PROSECUTION. THE PROSECUTOR'S REMARKS MADE REFERENCE TO THE GRAND JURY'S INDICTMENT OF THE TWO DEFENDANTS AND INFERRED THEIR GUILT. (A-1)

SENATOR GOLDWATER ANNOUNCED THAT HE IS "UNALTERABLY OPPOSED" TO THE EXPECTED NOMINATION OF NITZE TO THE POST OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS. GOLDWATER'S OPPOSITION STEMS FROM THE FACT THAT NITZE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH BOB MONAMARA'S REGIME WHICH THE SENATOR CLAIMS NEARLY DESTROYED THIS COUNTRY'S MILITARY CAPABILITY. (A-2)

HEATH TOLD THE QUEEN OF HIS INTENTION TO REMAIN IN OFFICE AS HEAD OF A MINORITY GOVERNMENT. IF HE SHOULD SOMEHOW SWAY ALL 14 LIBERALS NOT TO GO AGAINST HIM, SHEATH WOULD STILL HAVE TO RELY ON THE 11 PROTESTANT HARDLINERS ELECTED IN ULSTER TO GAIN A FULL MAJORITY IN PARLIAMENT. (A-1)

ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIC SOURCES, THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT HAD CONSIDERED TAKING "STRONG ACTION" AGAINST THE U.S. AS A RESULT OF REMARKS MADE ABOUT THE WHARTBY SIMON. THE POSSIBILITY OF SEVERING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WAS QUITE REAL UNTIL THE SHAH DECIDED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE TOO IMPORTANT TO RISK A DEEP RUPTURE

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MARILYN BERGER REPORTS THAT YOU BROUGHT ONLY ISRAELI "SUGGESTIONS" FOR TROOP DISENGAGEMENT TO SYRIA YESTERDAY. U.S. OFFICIALS ARE

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QUOTED AS SAYING THAT ANYTHING TOO PRECISE AT THIS POINT COULD GENERATE CONFRONTATION RATHER THAN AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. IT IS ALSO REPORTED THAT THE PRESIDENT ACCEPTED SADAT'S INVITATION TO VISIT CAIRO AND THAT A VISIT TO ISRAEL IS QUITE LIKELY. FAHMI INDICATED THAT SADAT WOULD PROBABLY RETURN THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. MAPILYN GOES ON TO OUTLINE ISRAELI POSITIONS FOR TROOP DISENGAGEMENT AND SYRIAN POSITIONS WITH RESPECT TO A FORUM FOR EXCHANGES WITH ISRAEL ONCE YOU DEPART THE AREA. (A-4)

EDITORIAL PAGES CENTER ON WATERGATE INDICTMENTS.

THE NEW YORK TIMES: THE TIMES HEADLINES THE GRAND JURY INDICTMENT OF SEVEN PRESIDENTIAL AIDES ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRACY IN THE WATERGATE AFFAIR. (A-1)

BERNARD GWERTZMAN COVERS YOUR EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE A TROOP-PULLBACK BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL. NEWSMAN WERE TOLD ABOARD YOUR PLANE THAT RED CROSS OFFICIALS HAD VISITED THE 65 ISRAELI PRISONERS HELD BY SYRIA. IN CAIRO, YOU WERE REPORTEDLY ASSURED BY PRESIDENT SADAT THAT EGYPT WOULD URGE THE SYRIANS TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY IN THE DISENGAGEMENT TALKS. (A-4)

HENRY TANNER ALSO DISCUSSES YOUR TRIP, BUT HE DWELLS ON SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO'S VISIT TO CAIRO. MR. GROMYKO'S EFFORTS ARE INTERPRETED AS A LATE EFFORT TO SECURE AN ACTIVE ROLE FOR THE SOVIET UNION IN THE SEARCH FOR A SETTLEMENT. SOVIET DIPLOMACY HAS BEEN ALMOST COMPLETELY INACTIVE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE RECENT CRUCIAL MONTHS. (A-5)

THE BRITISH ELECTIONS ENDED IN A VIRTUAL STALEMATE WITH HAROLD WILSON'S LABOR PARTY WINNING BY FIVE SEATS OVER PRIME MINISTER HEATH'S CONSERVATIVES; ONE SEAT IS STILL UNDECIDED. BOTH CANDIDATES SAID THEY WERE PREPARED TO FORM A NEW CABINET, BUT THE BALANCE OF POWER IN A NEW HOUSE WOULD BE HELD BY SMALLER PARTIES, INCLUDING THE LIBERALS, SCOTTISH AND WELSH NATIONALISTS, AND THE MEMBERS FROM NORTHERN IRELAND. IF MR. HEATH CARRIES ON WITH A MINORITY GOVERNMENT, HE COULD GO DOWN QUICKLY IN THE NEW HOUSE OF COMMONS IF A MAJORITY VOTED "NO CONFIDENCE" ON SOME ISSUE THAT AROSE FOR DEBATE. (A-1)

THE BRITISH POUND FELL 1.85 CENTS AND PRICES OF STOCKS WENT DOWN 24 POINTS IN REACTION TO THE ELECTIONS. (A-1)

IN CORDOBA, ARGENTINA, NATHAN MANDELL REPORTS THAT RIGHTWING POLICEMEN ENDED THEIR REVOLT YESTERDAY AFTER OVERTHROWING THE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND AGREED TO OBEY THE INTERIM GOVERNOR. ELECTIONS ARE SET FOR SEPTEMBER. (A-2)

ETHIOPIA'S NEWLY APPOINTED PREMIER, ENDALKATCHEW MAKONNEN,

EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT THE MILITARY WOULD GIVE HIM A FAIR CHANCE TO GOVERN. HOWEVER, THE CHOICE OF MR. MAKONNEN WAS BITTERLY CRITICIZED BY STUDENTS AND RADICALS. (A-3)

FLORA LEWIS COVERS THE NEW, SMALLER FRENCH CABINET. DESPITE SEVERAL SHIFTS OF POSTS, THERE WERE NO NEW FACES. (A-9)

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF FRANCE AND WEST GERMANY AGREED TO TRY TO REPAIR THE DISUNITY OF THE EC-9 AT A MINISTERIAL MEETING IN BRUSSELS ON MONDAY. MR. SCHEEL SAID HIS TALKS WITH MR. JOBERT YESTERDAY WOULD BE USEFUL WHEN HE MEETS WITH YOU ON SUNDAY. (A-12)

LESLIE GELF WRITES THAT U.S. FORCES IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC WILL REMAIN NEAR THE PRESENT SIZE OF ABOUT 185,000 TROOPS OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS, ACCORDING TO SENIOR PENTAGON OFFICIALS. (A-20)

BALTIMORE SUN: HEADLINES TELL OF WATERGATE INDICTMENTS.

JAMES KEAT REPORTS THAT YOU AND ASAD FAILED TO REACH THE HOPED FOR AGREEMENT ON THE METHOD OF CARRYING OUT TROOP DISENGAGEMENT IN THE GOLAN HEIGHTS WITH ISRAEL. (A-1)

PHILIP POTTER STATES THAT THE MAKEUP OF THE NEW BRITISH GOVERNMENT REMAINS IN QUESTION IN THE WAKE OF THE MOST CONFUSING ELECTIONS EVER. (A-1)

THE SOVIET UNION IS CALLING MORE INSISTENTLY ON ARAB STATES TO REMAIN UNITED AND TO BE WARY OF ISRAEL AND THE U.S. DURING THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. (A-2)

THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT PLANS TO SINK "HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS" INTO A PETROLEUM COMPANY AND MAY "ACQUIRE" EXISTING OIL COMPANIES AS THE NUCLEUS FOR THE NEW NATIONAL CORPORATION. (A-2)

THE FINAL ELECTION RETURNS OF FOUR STATE ASSEMBLIES, ONE SUB-STATE ASSEMBLY AND FIVE PARLIAMENTARY SEATS SHOWED THAT MRS. CHANDI'S HOLD OVER THE ELECTORATE IS WANING. (A-2)

THE ITALIAN STATE RADIO REPORTED THAT PREMIER RUMOR WILL RESIGN AS HIS CENTER-LEFT COALITION COLLAPSES UNDER ITALY'S PROLONGED POLITICAL CRISIS. (A-24)

JOBERT FLEW IN TO BONN FOR A QUICK SHOW OF FRANCO-GERMAN CORDIALITY PRIOR TO YOUR SCHEDULED VISIT. (A-4)

ARNOLD ISAACS PAINTS A GRIM PICTURE OF THE EFFECTS OF THE WAR ON THE LAND AND PEOPLE OF CAMBODIA. BY HIS ACCOUNT, THAT IN

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RELATION TO SIZE AND POPULATION, CAMBODIA HAS SUFFERED WORSE AGONIES THAN VIETNAM. THE SAVAGERY AND BRUTALITY OF THE KHMER COMMUNISTS ARE DEPICTED AS BEING INCOMPREHENSIBLE; SO MUCH SO THAT OBSERVERS SPECULATE THAT A NEGOTIATED PEACE WILL NOT END THE KILLING. (A-4)

EDITORIAL CLAIMS THAT INDICTMENTS ARE NOT THE END OF WATERGATE SAGA BUT THE BEGINNING OF EVENTS THAT WILL LEAD TO ITS CLIMAX.

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